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PROTECTING AMERICANS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held a hearing to examine the effect on consumers and consideration for the efforts of Congress, focusing on the Supreme Court's treatment of laws that protect the health, safety, jobs, and retirement of Americans, receiving testimony from Andy R. Anderson, Morgan, Lewis and Bockius, LLP, Chicago, Illinois, on behalf of the United States Chamber of Commerce; Thomas O. McGarity, University of Texas School of Law, Austin; Richard M. Cooper, Williams and Connolly, LLP, Washington, D.C.; Robert M. Lawless, University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign; Bridget

Robb, Gwynedd, Pennsylvania; and Maureen Kurtek, Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Paul G. Gardephe, and Cathy Seibel, both to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Kiyo A. Matsumoto, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, and Glenn T. Suddaby, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 6233–6248; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 371; and H. Res. 1262–1264, 1266–1268 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2631, to strengthen efforts in the Department of Homeland Security to develop nuclear forensics capabilities to permit attribution of the source of nuclear material, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–708, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5811, to amend title 44, United States Code, to require preservation of certain electronic records by Federal agencies and to require a certification and reports relating to Presidential records, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–709); and

H. Res. 1265, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5749) to provide for a program of emergency unemployment compensation (H. Rept. 110–710).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. John I. Caples, Jr., Jesus Name Apostolic Church, Waukegan, Illinois.

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Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008: The House passed H.R. 6003, to reauthorize Amtrak, by a yea-and-nay vote of 311 yeas to 104 nays, Roll No. 400.

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Rejected the Davis (KY) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure with instructions to report the same back

to the House promptly with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 194 yeas to 230 nays, Roll No. 399.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

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On a demand for a separate vote on a certain amendment agreed to in the Committee of the Whole:

By a recorded vote of 295 ayes to 127 noes, Roll No. 398, agreed to the Davis (VA) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–703) that authorizes the Transportation Secretary to make grants to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to finance in part the capital and preventive maintenance projects included in the Capital Improvement Program approved by the Board of Directors of the Transit Authority; and prohibits funds to the Transit Authority unless the Authority ensures its rail customers have access to any services provided by any licensed wireless provider that notifies the Authority of its intent to offer services to the public (agreed to in the Committee of the Whole by voice vote).

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Accepted:

Oberstar manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–703) that provides that none of the funds may be used to employ workers in violation of section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality

Act; requires the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a study on ways to streamline compliance with National Historic Preservation Act requirements for federally funded railroad infrastructure projects; inserts provisions regarding the Northeast Corridor; requires studies regarding the expansion of the South Central High-Speed Rail Corridor to Memphis and to far south Texas; requires proposals for building station stops for the proposed high-speed rail system in the Northeast Corridor; authorizes intercity passenger rail grants to be used for bicycle access into rolling stock and provides bicycle racks in trains; and makes technical corrections to the bill;

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Smith (WA) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–703) that requires Amtrak to engage in good faith discussions, with commuter rail entities and public transportation authorities operating on the same trackage owned by a rail carrier as Amtrak, with respect to routing and timing of trains to efficiently move a maximal number of commuters, intercity, and passenger rail passengers, particularly during peak times of commuter usage. Also requires such discussion with respect to the expansion and enhancement of commuter rail and regional rail public transportation service;

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McCarthy (NY) amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 110–703) that adds to the passenger rail system comparison study a request to study train horn technology, with an emphasis on reducing train horn noise and its effect on local communities;

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Murphy (CT) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 110–703) that expresses support for commuter rail service between New Haven, CT, and Springfield, MA and encourages Amtrak to cooperate with state Departments of Transportation to expand commuter rail service on that line. Also provides that Amtrak shall report to Congress and the Transportation Departments of Connecticut and Massachusetts on the total cost of uncompleted infrastructure maintenance on the rail line between New Haven and Springfield; and

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Patrick Murphy (PA) amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 110–703) that requires Amtrak, within one year of enactment, to report to Congress on the results of an evaluation of passenger rail between Cornwells Heights, PA, and New York City, NY, and between Princeton Junction, NJ, and New York City, NY, to determine whether to expand passenger rail service by increasing the frequency of stops or reducing commuter ticket prices for this route.

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Rejected:

Sessions amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110–703) that sought to prohibit funds from being

used for the long distance Amtrak route with the highest cost per seat/mile according to Amtrak's March 2008 monthly performance report unless the Secretary has transmitted a waiver for this route or a portion of it because the Secretary considers it critical to homeland security (by a recorded vote of 150 ayes to 275 noes, Roll No. 397).

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 1253, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Tuesday, June 10th.

Privileged Resolution—Motion to Refer: Agreed to refer H. Res. 1258, impeaching George W. Bush, President of the United States, of high crimes and misdemeanors, to the Committee on the Judiciary by a yea-and-nay vote of 251 yeas to 166 nays, Roll No. 401.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure which was debated on Tuesday, June 10th:

Expressing support for the designation of National D-Day Remembrance Day, and recognizing the spirit, courage, and sacrifice of the men and women who fought and won World War II: H. Res. 1235, to express support for the designation of National D-Day Remembrance Day, and to recognize the spirit, courage, and sacrifice of the men and women who fought and won World War II, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 402.

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Suspension—Failed: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Emergency Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2008: H.R. 5749, amended, to provide for a program of emergency unemployment compensation, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 279 yeas to 144 nays, Roll No. 403.

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Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measure:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that rebate checks would better stimulate the economy if spent on American-made products and services from American-owned companies: H. Res. 977, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that rebate checks would better stimulate the economy if spent on American-made products and services from American-owned companies, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas to 6 nays, with 6 voting “present”, Roll No. 404.

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Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Wolf announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution raising a question of the privileges of the House. **Pages H5280–87**

Privileged Resolution—Motion to Refer: Agreed to refer H. Res. 1263, directing the Chief Administrative Officer and the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives to take timely action to ensure that all Members, committees, and offices of the House are alerted of the dangers of electronic attacks on the computers and information systems used in carrying out their official duties and are fully briefed on how to protect themselves, their official records, and their communications from electronic security breaches, to the Committee on House Administration by voice vote. **Page H5287**

National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2008—Rule for Consideration: The House began consideration of H. Res. 1257, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 6063, to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H5287–94**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Authorizing the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects: S. 2146, amended, to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects and **Pages H5294–96**

Caroline Pryce Walker Conquer Childhood Cancer Act of 2008: H.R. 1553, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to advance medical research and treatments into pediatric cancers, ensure patients and families have access to the current treatments and information regarding pediatric cancers, establish a population-based national childhood cancer database, and promote public awareness of pediatric cancers. **Pages H5296–H5300**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5267.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5261, H5262–63, H5264–65, H5265, H5266, H5266–67, H5279, H5280. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:57 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security approved for full Committee action the Homeland Security Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, approved for full Committee action the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2009.

EDUCATION BEGINS AT HOME ACT

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on H.R. 2343, Education Begins at Home Act. Testimony was heard from Laura A. Ditka, Deputy District Attorney and Chief of Child Abuse Unit, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

GREEN ACT OF 2008

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on H.R. 6078, GREEN Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development: Michael Freedberg, Director, Division of Affordable Housing Technology Research, Co-Chair, HUD Energy Task Force; and Patrick J. Lawler, Chief Economist and Associate Director, Office of Policy Analysis and Research, Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight; and public witnesses.

REPORT—THE DECLINE IN AMERICA'S REPUTATION: WHY?

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight approved a Subcommittee Report on The Decline in America's Reputation: Why?

The Subcommittee also held a hearing and Review of the Subcommittee Report: The Decline in America's Reputation: Why? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CHINA IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on the New Challenge: China in the Western Hemisphere. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.